(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of unani medicines purchased by CGHS unani store is deteriorating for the last three years; and

(b) what are the reasons for not purchasing the medicines from M/s Hamdard for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) M/s Hamdard had not applied for registration of the firm for the last three years which is a pre-condition for tenders, etc. Hence, the question of purchase of medicines from the said firm does not arise.

CGHS benefits for serving spouse

1729. SHRI RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both serving husband and wife are entitled to avail of medical facilities on the same CGHS identity card;

(b) whether the facility continues even after retirement of one of them and becoming a pensioner;

(c) if so, the relevant rules in this regard; and

(d) whether both the retired employees are entitled for such facility on the same CGHS card?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under the CGHS rules, the husband/wife who retires from the Central Government service can have the option for inclusion of the name of his/her spouse who is in service in his/her CGHS card.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Health Policy

1730. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new health policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and